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Title of Application	Polymeric medium for the Retention of Reagent Species for Use in a Hand-Held Device for the Relatively Rapid Detection of the Presence of an Analyte of Interest in a Sample
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I, Lori J. Giuffrida, hereby declare and state as follows:

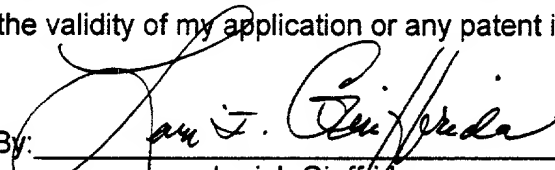
1) I declare that the copies of the above-referenced correspondences shown as the Patent Application, and including (Exhibits A, B, C, E), a new application transmittal, fee transmittal, patent application (including application cover sheet), 47 pages of specification (2 pages of claims, and 1 page of abstract), 6 sheets of drawings, declaration and power of attorney, assignment cover sheet and assignment, and \$750 check, are true copies of such correspondences as originally mailed.

2) I deposited the above-mentioned documents as "Express Mail" with the USPS on March 29, 2001 at 4:00 PM.

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10/26, 2001
Date

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As below-named inventors, we hereby declare that:

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenships are as stated below next to our names.

We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Polymeric Medium For The Retention Of Reagent Species For Use In A Hand-Held Device For The Relatively Rapid Detection Of The Presence Of An Analyte Of Interest In A Sample**, (File No. 03141-P0349A WWW/DFC), the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. To the best of our knowledge, information, and belief the facts stated therein are true.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

None

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of the following United States Applications listed below, and insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this Application is not disclosed in the prior United States Application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

None

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